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### OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

**HARRY POULSON.**—We present our readers with a likeness of this undaunted fistic hero from the shades of Merry Sherwood. It is accounted by many experienced judges that, had he entered the ring at an early period, his chances of gaining championship laurels were more than probable. He was born in 1817, weighed 12st 11lb, stood 5 feet 7½ inches. He first defeated Tom Paddock, but beat twice in return by the Redditch countryman; and likewise lowered his colours to the renowned Tom Sayers. His last fight was with Harry Tyson, whom he beat in 1859.

**YOUNG HOLDEN, or WALKER.**—We give a fresh portrait of our respected little friend Holden, who was born at the Christmaside of 1841. He first beat Lynch, in 1861, then succumbed to Peter Morris and Lead; and but recently gained a sensation victory over Mick the Grecian, and thus has stamped himself as one of the most clever youths of his age.

**MR. WILLIAM WOODBRIDGE.**—This celebrated swimmer was born in London, in the year 1828, and when only in his ninth year, began to exhibit most wonderful powers as a swimmer. At the age of 12 he distinguished himself by saving several lives in the Regent's Canal, his successful career continued till the age of 19, when he met with a very severe accident by which the amputation of his left leg was necessary. This unlooked-for event caused a sudden stop to his professional career; but after two or three years he again appeared as a professional swimmer, and obtained an appointment as superintendent of the City of London Baths. From these baths he went to Manchester, where he succeeded in carrying off several prizes, and was the first that brought the noble art of swimming to the notice of the public in

that city. Mr. Woodbridge's powers of endurance are very great and on the occasion of an aquatic entertainment in the River Mersey, he stayed in the water 4 hours 35 min. at one time. In 1850 he was attached to the Tower Hamlets Swimming Baths, where he remained 5 years, and won the Championship for swimming. In 1858 he was appointed, and during the last five years has been instrumental in saving 37 lives besides 18 others in different parts of England. Mr. Woodbridge has received several testimonials from the Royal Humane and Lifeline Societies, and if a man's worth is to be measured by his usefulness, no man has a greater claim upon the gratitude of mankind than Mr. Woodbridge.

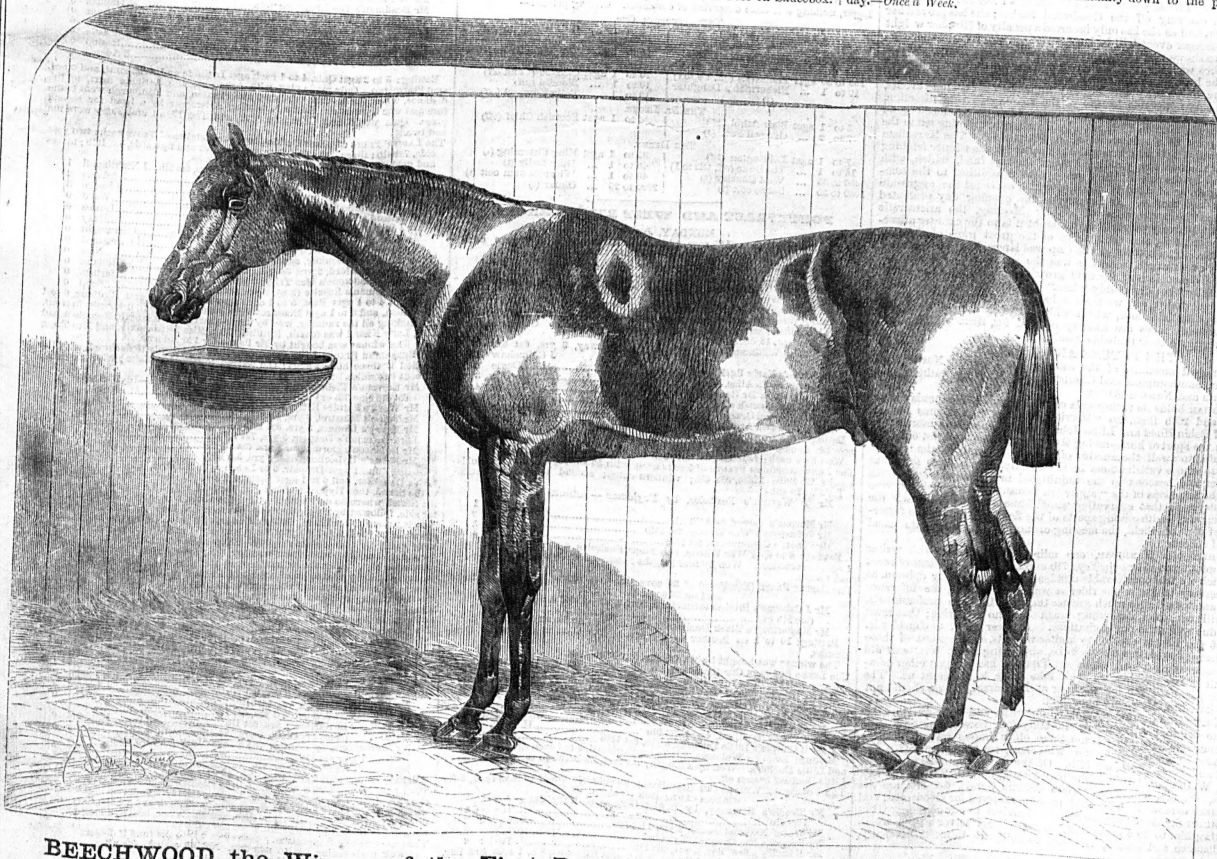
**MR. J. P. JONES** is a rising man in his profession, but has not the longroll of deeds of Mr. Woodbridge to recount. He may in fact as yet be said to be an untitled man, though he has won several prizes, but his stroke is very graceful, and we doubt not that future years will add to his fame. He is at present Captain of the London Swimming Club.

**BEECHWOOD.**—This first class hunter, of which our artist has given such a faithful representation, is a bay gelding, six years old, by Esq., Beaumont-hill, Darlington, Durham, and is owned by J. B. Esq., Kellorby-hall, Catterick, Yorkshire. He carried off the first prize for hunters at the late Metropolitan Horse Show, Islington.

John Wells has twice carried off the blue ribbon of the turf—the Derby, for Sir Joseph Hawley, and once the Great St. Leger at Doncaster, for the Squire of Wantage, Mr. Tom Parr on Saucebox.

For some years Wells—well-known by the *nom de guerre* of "Tiny Wells"—refused to ride for the Chester Cup; but last year, so great was his regard for Asteroid, that he rode him in that race, and won. His rushes are terrific, and we could fill a column with anecdotes attesting the skill of this accomplished artist. His present masters are Sir Joseph Hawley, Mr. Crawford, Count Bathynany, and Baron Rothschild. *Vicent Wells.*

**RACING AND ROYALTY.**—HARRY VIII., among the various accomplishments ascribed to him, appears to have possessed a taste for horse flesh, and to have lent no small assistance to the amelioration of our indigenous race by the importation of stock from Spain and Turkey. Horses from the former of these countries, which owed their celebrity to its occupation by the Moors, were afterwards more freely introduced into our paddocks by the wreck of the Armada. This fleet had been furnished with a number of choice barbs; and its destruction upon our coasts proved a boon to the breed of our horses, as well as to the other more important interests. Indeed, we had on that occasion much need troubled to mount 5,000 cavalry for repelling the invasion. Then James I. was the Macedonian Philip of the age. The palace he built at Newmarket, though it was used in the first instance as a hunting-box, served as a landmark inaugurating the distinction of that town as a great central emporium of sport; and thither generations after generations have repaired, to follow up the work so royally begun, and so well sustained by every class of the community down to the present day.—*Once a Week.*



**BEECHWOOD, the Winner of the First Prize for Hunters, at the Horse Show, Islington.**  
(From an original Drawing, by BEN HEERING, Esq.)









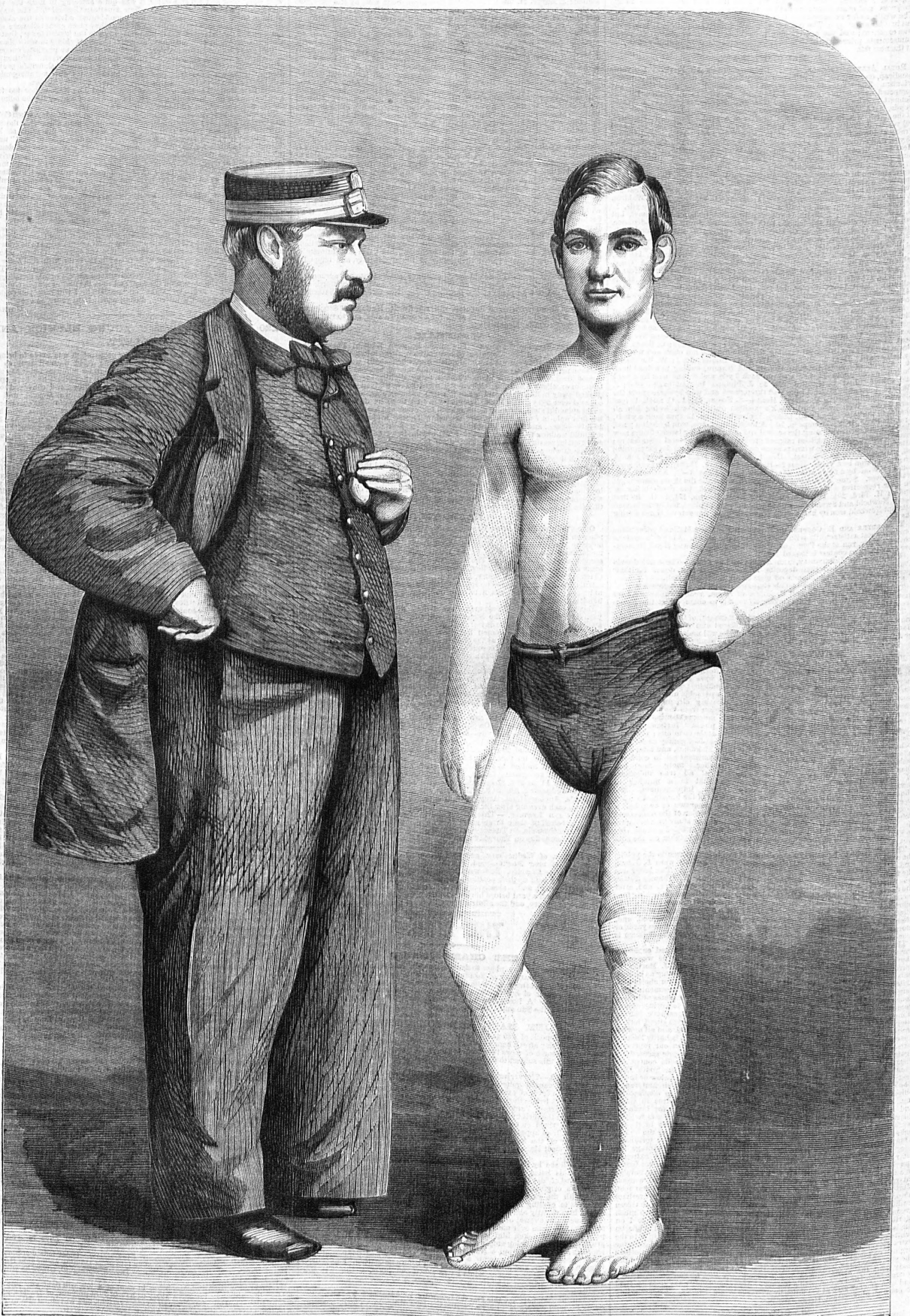








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MOORE &amp; WILLIAMSON

WOODBIDGE and JONES, the noted Swimmers.

(From a Photograph by Mr. Newbold, Strand.)



# THE JOCKEYS OF ENGLAND.

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JOHN WELLS.

(From a Photograph by KENNAN and HERR, and published by Mason, Fine Arts Repository, Brighton.)

## THEATRICAL AND MUSICAL.

PROVINCIAL  
LIVERPOOL.



draughts.—A match at draughts was played at the Hole in the Wall, Cleasfield, on the 7th inst., between Mr. D. and Mr. J., best of five for 45 aside; when, after some excellent play on both sides, Mr. came off victorious; the games resulting as follows: first game, second won by Mr. D., third by Mr. J., fourth won by Mr. D., by Mr. J., sixth and seventh games were drawn, the eighth, and

THE MOORS.—A correspondent in Glenavon, who reports a fresh fall of snow on the Cairngorms as well as in the valleys, says:—"It is not likely to prove in any way disastrous to the moors, as the young birds are now pretty strong on the wing. The coveys are numerous and healthy, and no sign of disease has been seen in Glenavon this year, and we doubt not but the sportsman will be abundantly rewarded for his toil."—*Banffshire Journal*.



## FISHING.

## THE TREAT FISHERY.

A MEETING of proprietors of fisheries on the river Trent was held on Thursday last, July 7, at the house of the Speaker, Palace-yard, Westminster. There were present, Earl Mansfield, Mr. Speaker, Sir Charles Anderson, Sir Robert Clifton, Mr. J. Stansfield, M.P., Mr. Hutton, Major J. M. Childers, Mr. Vere, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Fennell (Government Inspector of Fisheries), Mr. G. P. Fennell, Mr. F. Buckland (late 2nd Life Guards), Mr. Thomas Worthington, and Major Morland Hutton.

After a lengthy conversation, in which the necessary points were discussed, it was proposed by Earl Mansfield, and seconded by Mr. Hutton ("That an association of the lower proprietors be now formed and amalgamated with the association already formed in Derbyshire, consisting chiefly of the upper proprietors, for the preservation of the fish in the river Trent and its tributaries to be called 'The Trent Fisheries Association.'")

Two letters were read by Mr. Worthington from the Duke of Devonshire, declining the office of president but accepting that of patron, his (the Duke's) reasons for declining the presidency being that a proprietor who had more real and substantial interest in the salmon fishery than he had in the river Derwent and Wyss should be appointed to that office.

Mr. Fennell stated that Lord Vernon had nine miles of most excellent breeding water in the river Dove, and that his lordship was about, at his own cost, to put up a ladder, to be approved of by the Home Office, at Salford, near the junction of the river Trent and Dove.

After some conversation, it was unanimously agreed that Lord Vernon be requested to accept the office of president of the joint association.

A list of noblemen and gentlemen who had already accepted the office of vice-presidents of the Derbyshire Association was then read by Mr. Worthington, and the names of the noblemen and gentlemen present added to the list. Major Scott and Mr. Worthington, having been requested by the meeting, agreed to fill the office of joint-honorary secretaries.

The following list of donations towards preliminary expenses was then read to the meeting:—Sir Robert Clifton, M.P., £20; Sir Henry Every, £10; Mr. Mansfield, £20; Sir G. Anderson, £10; Mr. Hutton, £10; Sir Edward Gifford, £10; Mr. Vere, £5; Mr. Childers, £5; Mr. Evans, M.P., £5; Mr. Charlton, £5.

It was agreed that £100 should be paid into the hands of Messrs. Evans, Bankers, Derby, to the account of the Trent Fisheries Association, and that the joint secretaries be empowered to draw cheques on the bankers for current expenses.

Thanks were then given to the Speaker, and the meeting separated.

## A SALT WATER POND.

In Carey's "Survey of Cornwall," we have a curious account of a pond of salt water stocked with many different kinds of fish. Michael Carey, who was a quack, but nevertheless, a shrewd observer of animal nature, thus describes it.

"There lieth a creek of oazo, between two hills, which delivereth a little fresh rillet into the sea, receiveth for recompense a large overflowing of the salt-water fish. This place is dependent to a pond in the middle of the oazo to the head of the pond, and part to the middle, and part to the sides. The upper head stoppeth out the fresh water, the lower keepeth in the salt; the middle raiseth an island for the workmen's ease, the owner's pleasure and the fishes' succour. The oazo thus advanced, and the water softer to a firmer hardness. Round about the pond there is pitched a firth [probably a *château-de-frise* of brambles] of three feet in height, sloped inwards, to bar any wind from issuing, if he there adventure his natural thirst. If he would forego his entrance. In one of the corners next the sea standeth a floodgate, to be drawn up and let down through reigles [grooves] in the side-posts, whose mouth is encompassed with a double [fence] of two feet distance from each other, and their middle space filled up with small stones. This serveth to let in the salt water and to keep in the fresh water when the floodgate is taken up; and therefore you must not make the firth [fence of brambles or thorns] too close, nor the compass too little, lest they much stop the water's passage. It is of equal height with the banks, and they must outreach the highest fall sea-mark by three feet, and the height of the water stand even with the pond's bottom, lest, emptying the water, it wholly abandon the fish, but must leave about three feet deep within. In the half-circle enclosed between the floodgates and the compass firth, there is digged a trench of three feet diameter, and four feet depth, frithed on the sides, which is continually fed with the water coming from the said floodgate, and seemeth to keep any fish alive that you have before taken, and so to save over-often drawing. The floodgate is held up by his sides by the wall up with carb [carbide] earth, chopped straw, and a little mortar, having been well rubbed into the consistency of very stiff mortar, is used for building walls of houses, &c., in the west of England."

The pond may not carry one continual depth, but contain some shallow places to protect the smaller fish from the greater, and for them all to play in when the water is low. In the higher level there is also a floodgate, to let in the fresh water during summer season, which is the fish best affected; the rest of the year it is carried away by a trench, for avoiding divers discommodities. Such as have the means best benefit themselves by letting in the salt water every day, which is easily done by the pond's side, and the water is kept low, lower than the banks and firth, and so suffering the tide to take its course forth and back, without stop or attendance, and in this case you may place your floodgate even with the floor of your pond, and never take it up but when it is proposed to view all your store.

My pond lieth so high from the level of the sea, that an driven to detain the last provision until the coming spring tide have taken two days of increase, at which time the flood gate is hoisted up, the old water is let out, and the new admitted. At full sea down goeth the floodgate again, and the pond is left to the next tide, when the tide is low, and after this manner is opened and closed for six days in the whole, continuing from thenceforth other ten days, unmeddled withal, it will eight days of the neap and two of the spring. Neither doth it require over long or busy pains or attendance for it, for the former water to let out (saving in extreme cold weather) before any new come in, it is little skillful, so as on the last day you keep the advantage which the flood, then at highest, doth give you. The best means of preventing leakage is to let three or four shovels full of earth fall softly down, which will quiet up his chinks. In winter season six foot deep of water at least is requisite.

The fish commonly taken in the neighbourhood have to stock the pond are [as previously mentioned] bass, mullet, gilt-head [sea bream], wrasse, snells, fluke, plaice, and sole; and the pond will, moreover, keep shad [trout], perch, and eel, in reasonable plenty, but not in their wonted reddish grain. They are taken generally by a little seine-net; specially the eels in weels, the fluke by groping in the sand at the mouth of the pond, where about Lent they bury themselves to spawn, and the bass and mullet by angling.

The pleasure which I take at my friend's pleasure herein fully busied me thus to express the same:

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and the colour not such as to command a high price. However, some very fine specimens were taken in the Isla and Erich, and fetched prices ranging from £5 to £8.—*Scotman*.

WHALES AND THE PHOSPHORESCENCE OF THE SEA.—The whale was not pursued by the ancients; 500 years ago whales abounded in every sea. The great demand for oil and whalebone of late years, however, has caused such destruction that they are disappearing from numerous parts of the ocean. They were once numerous in the Mediterranean, but are no longer so. They live on soft gelatinous mollusks in which the sea abounds, which must have increased enormously, owing to the destruction of the mollusks. It is to the increase of small organisms that the phosphorescence of the Mediterranean Sea is attributed.—*American Paper*.

## BILLIARDS.

BILLIARD CUE FOR ONE-ARMED PLAYERS.—Messrs. Phelan and Colender, of New York, have just introduced a useful addition to billiard cue, in the form of a cue for persons having but one arm. It was designed at the request of an officer who had lost his arm in the slightest inconvenience. The misfortune of war have created a demand for such an instrument and the original is likely soon to have numerous duplicates.—*New York Spirit of the Times*.

## SHOOTING.

A MATCH, for £10 a side, between C. Cunson and E. Fairclamb, was decided at the house of the former, at Cultercoats, on Saturday afternoon. The articles stated that each man had to fire at 7 birds, 21 ozs. shot, Mr. T. Brown acting as referee. It may be remembered that the 20th and 21st of the issue resulting in a tie, both dispatching their 7 birds with great precision. The return match, however, proved as disagreeable, as the first was good—a fact causing much discussion and dissatisfaction. The shooting was neither more nor less than miserable; and after Mr. Fairclamb had killed 4, and Cunson 2, the former winning by a couple of birds.

After the termination of the above Messrs. Nichol and Hawthornthwaite shot at 3 birds each, 30 yds. for £1 a side and a spread. Nichol won by killing 2 birds to his opponent's 1.

## RABBIT COURAGING.

THERE was no lack of this description of sport at the City Grounds, Manchester, last Saturday afternoon. The proprietor, Mr. Peter Waddacore, announced two sweepstakes, for money prizes, amounting to £4. The first was limited to dogs not exceeding 22lbs in weight, and the entry numbered sixteen competitors. After some exciting couraging the first prize was awarded to Scholtes' Ross, secondary honours being secured by Bailey's Skip. The other sweepstakes were open to animals of any weight, for which twenty-four dogs competed. Bailey's Spring won the first prize, and Amiable Fly the second. There were upwards of 400 persons present. Two minor matches and a sweepstake are fixed to come off at these grounds on Saturday, July 16, to commence at three o'clock.

A HORRED WOMAN.—Somebody who has seen whereof he speaks writes from Larnaca, in the island of Cyprus, to the *Observer*, of the city, an elaborate account of a woman living at Livadia, in Cyprus who has horns growing out of her head:—"I at once despatched a secret agent, and succeeded, after a few days, in obtaining a sight of this most wonderful creature. She is now in possession of the French Consul, who has suffered greatly from this affliction, and would never have revealed it, but for a vision she had lately, when an old man with silvery hair and long flowing beard presented himself to her, leaning on a crutch, and warned her not to conceal it longer—that it was from God, and, upon these words, she, who was making an effort to conceal it any longer. She at once confessed to the priest, and then revealed her mysterious condition. She has one horn on the side of her head three or four inches long, and an inch in circumference, besides three or four cornicles on other parts of the head, one of which she says she looks out of her head, and left and on some other places. These horns are attached to the skin of the head, and not to the bone, resembling in texture and appearance the horns of a goat—not the silver horn of the Druse woman, but as much a part of her as her hair or head. She has been visited by nearly all the consuls and Europeans in this place, and has been exhibited in the city, and has been exhibited in Europe." Another letter to a gentleman from this city says that "one of the horns is equal in size to an ordinary ram's horn."

The Italian consul at Cyprus offered the woman one hundred thousand francs to go to Paris.—*New York Herald*.

PARADE OF A WELL-KNOWN SPORTSMAN.—Many gentlemen sportsmen will learn with regret that the old sea-finder, hunter, fowler, fisherman, boatman, &c., Michael Ross (better known as "The Doctor"), was accidentally shot and killed, on the 27th of June, near the shore of some gentlemen fishing and shooting in a yacht in Boylagh Bay, near Dungloe, county Donegal. Deceased was sitting with an American gentleman on the after-thwart, looking astern, and fishing for lythe, with the hand lines and eel bait. The yacht being under easy way, they had been taking of some dabs, and shot a few when about three miles S.W. off Crocy Head, wind light, with moderate swell on the yawl rolling, and her flooring slippery, with fish and fowl tossing about, some large gulls came over the boat; one gentleman fired and dropped two, right and left, and on some other appearing, Ross's friend caught up a double gun from off the main thwart (loaded with shot and capped, but not cocked) to hand off to one of the gentlemen, when he slipped, staggered, and nearly fell; the right barrel exploding—his charge passing close by the American's head, and stunning him, and the other who was charged with shot just behind Ross's left ear, three pellets passing out under his right eyes. He instantly fell dead across the weather gunwale, and was just over the side, when the American gentleman (a powerful man) caught him in his arms, and laid him on board. On seeing what had occurred, the young fellow who held the gun faintly, and has been in a miserable way ever since. On returning to Dungloe he gave himself up to the constabulary. Ross's body was wrapped up in the fore sail, and carried home from the mill creek by his neighbours and friends. On the 29th ult. Mr. J. Meredith Evans, coroner, held an inquest, and jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," acquitting Ross's unhappy friend of all blame. The deceased was in the prime of life, and being a very civil and obliging fellow, was widely and well-known and liked by very many. He was a keen general sportsman in his humble way, and ever ready.

STREET SCENES IN NEW ZEALAND.—A correspondent of the *Scotman* gives the following sketch of the Maories at Auckland supplied with fish, fruit, and vegetables mostly by the Maories. They can drive a pretty good bargain, very seldom abating from the price they first ask; but, as far as I have seen, are strictly honest. It is said that a great deal of the money which is sent to the Maories is paid to the citizens patriotically abstain from purchasing from them on any account. A good many of the Maories appear to be possessed of wealth. You may see these tattooed savages, dressed as well as tastefully, and much more elegantly than any lady or gentleman in your own country, strolling in Queen's street, or about the docks, and riding into town mounted in a style that would grace Rotten-row. They are all heavy smokers—the women worse, I think, than the men. The pipes they smoke have bowls about twice the size of our own, and the pipes are of the same shape, but the bowl is a very often—some of them stick the bowl in the hole of one of their ears, kept vacant for this purpose. They almost all wear ear ornaments—either the valued green tangle or shark's teeth. You may see a woman carrying a large and expensive crinoline, which she must put on immediately, while her husband or partner has a blanket wrapped round her. I saw a Maori and his wife, with a pair of brilliantly-polished Wellington boots worn above his trousers. But these extravagances are confined to the lower class of Maories, the higher class, many of whom are as fair as Italians, dress like Englishmen. No Maori ever shows the slightest sign of night, and no one is allowed to sell drink to them. But they often get the liquor by standing near to some *pakeha* or white; and the humiliating spectacle is sometimes seen of a *pakeha*, his tattooed face made doubly hideous by his condition, while he is drinking, and the police are obliged to remove him. The Maories have no humble slouching, and they meet your eyes with the open bold countenance which we are accustomed to think belongs only to a free-born Briton.

## AQUATICS.

## THE TYNE CHAMPION CUP.

Mr. Cohen appeared for Cooper (the plaintiff), Mr. Pringle for the Regatta Committee.

Mr. Joshua Bagnall (cross-examined): Mr. Crawshaw was a member of the committee, to the best of his belief, but never alluded to his being so. He denied having consented to be on the committee. At the adjourned meeting no witnesses were called except Cooper, Chambers, and Kelley. Kelley left his own boat, got on board a waterman's skiff, and went on board the steamer to collect evidence. The rule on the Tyne is that a foul shall be claimed within an hour.

Re-examined: There is no rule in the north that a man must claim a foul before he gets out of his boat. There is no established rule in boat racing that the claim must be in writing. It is sometimes so, but not always. I have been umpire at several races, and have seen umpire where there has been a committee. The umpire decides the question of foul if the claim is made. The umpire decides and not the committee. I don't recollect any such clause as the 6th. That does not mean that questions of foul shall be decided by the committee and not by an umpire. It is always expected that a man shall make a claim of foul from his boat. I know no established rule that when there has been a foul the race shall be rowed over again. I have never been present at races in the north.

Cross-examined: I am hon. secretary to the Thames Subscription Club. The club have been frequently applied to for copies of their rules. I was umpire on the Thames.

Henry Kelley: I rowed in the race on the Tyne. (Witness pointed out on a plan where the foul took place.) It was about four yards from the north bank, and I was rowing for about three-quarters of a mile. Cooper was about three feet ahead of me. He came across my bow from the south to the north. We laid a little while. I lifted one scull, I pulled my scull and lifted it over Cooper's head, and that was the foul to the north. Through the foul, my boat was pointed so far to the north that I got near the Anchor. Cooper was about 100 yds. of me. Chambers was about four lengths behind, close to the north bank. I told Chambers to pull his left hand, or he would have been in the piles. He then passed me. Cooper's boat was about 100 yds. out of the race. I saw him out of the winning the race. It affected me by sending my boat to the north, and I lost my way. I was out of the race after the foul. It prevented me winning. I claimed the foul in my own boat. I went up to the steamer. I stopped till he boat came up, and claimed a foul. I got into the boat, and I saw Cooper's boat was about 100 yds. off. Pringle. It is a rule to claim a foul of the committee, and therefore I claimed it of Mr. Pringle. I went before the committee at the adjourned meeting and claimed the foul. Cooper fouled me. I claimed it as a foul, and I stated my case, and declined to row again, if Cooper was allowed to row. I know something of regatta on the Thames. The umpire decides the fouls. I asked the committee, because I had reason to believe the committee would apply to the umpire.

Cross-examined: On the Thames the committee decide. The umpire decides the fouls. It is not usual on the Thames for the committee to accompany the boats. I thought it was rowing under the established rules, such as the Thames, &c. I believe Mr. Oldham stated to the committee that Cooper had won. It was considered an accidental foul, and therefore the race was to be rowed over again.

Re-examined: The committee decided on the steamer as to the second race.

Robert Chambers: I am champion of England in boating, and live at St. Anthony's. I remember the foul between Cooper and Kelley. It was on the 15th of June, at the Gas House at the Meadows House. I heard shouts from the shore saying, go on Chambers, they have fouled; but I said very little about it. The race went on, and Kelley and Cooper were being divided. Kelley came towards me and pressed me into the piles. I scull struck the post. Cooper was then about 100 yds. of me. I was inside. I was stopped by a boat in the river, and went past Kelley at the Meadows House. Cooper was then one or one and a half lengths in front of me. I went up to Cooper on the south side, but could not get by him. I tried him on the north side, but failed. He was about six feet ahead of me when we got. After the race I turned round and told Cooper to hold. I was a fine job of it, that he and Kelley were both out of the race. I went on board the steamer and claimed the race. 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